

**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS**  
**TITLE 14. DIVISION 1.**  
**SUBDIVISION 4. OFFICE OF OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE**  
**CHAPTER 1. GENERAL DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS**  
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**790. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS.**

Subsection (a)(1) through (b)(8) continue.

- (b)(9) "Bunkering" or "Bunkering Operation" means the transfer of oil via hoses, pipelines, or loading arms for the purpose of fueling or providing lubricants to a marine vessel providing fuel or lubricants to a tank vessel or nontank vessel. A Bunkering Operation includes all phases of the operation from the beginning of the mooring operation activities between the transfer unit and the receiving unit to the departure from the transfer vessel of either the transfer unit or the receiving unit.

Subsection (b)(10) through (l)(3) continue.

- (l)(4) "Lightering" or "Lightering Operation" means the transfer of a cargo of oil in bulk from one ~~tank~~ vessel to another. Lightering includes all phases of the operation from the beginning of the mooring operation activities between the transfer unit and the receiving unit to the departure of either the transfer unit or receiving unit, the service vessel from the vessel being lightered. Lightering does not include the transfer of cargo that is intended only for use as fuel or lubricant aboard the receiving vessel or facility. A lightering operation does not include bunkering.

Subsection (l)(4) through (m)(4) continue.

- (m)(5) "Mobile Transfer Unit (MTU)" means a ~~small marine fueling facility that is~~ a vehicle, truck, or trailer, including all connecting hoses and piping used for transferring oil at a location where a discharge could impact marine waters.

Subsection (m)(6) through (s)(1) continue.

- ~~(S)(2) "Service vessel" means the vessel which receives a cargo of oil from another vessel in a lightering operation.~~

- (S)(32) "Shifting" means to move or transfer a tanker, barge, or nontank vessel from one place or position in the harbor to another in the harbor.

- (S)(43) "Short ton" means a unit of weight equal to 2,000 pounds, avoirdupois.
- (S)(54) "Small Craft" means a waterborne craft, other than a tanker or barge, that is less than 65 feet, 7 ½ inches (20 meters) in length.
- (S)(65) "Small Craft Refueling Dock" means a waterside operation that dispenses only non-persistent oil in bulk and/or small amounts of persistent lubrication oil in sealed containers, primarily to small craft, and meets both of the following criteria:
- (A) has tank storage capacity not exceeding 20,000 gallons in any single storage tank or tank compartment; and
  - (B) has a total useable tank storage capacity not exceeding 75,000 gallons
- (S)(76) "Small marine fueling facility" means either of the following
- (A) a mobile transfer unit, or
  - (B) a fixed facility that is not a marine terminal, which dispenses primarily nonpersistent oil, and may dispense small amounts of persistent oil, primarily to small craft, and meets all of the following criteria:
    - (1) has tank storage capacity not exceeding 40,000 gallons in any single storage tank or storage tank compartment.
    - (2) has total usable tank storage capacity not exceeding 75,000 gallons.
    - (3) had an annual throughput volume of over-the-water transfers of oil that did not exceed 3,000,000 gallons during the most recent preceding 12-month period.
- (S)(87) "Small Vessel" see "Small Craft"
- (s)(98) "Spill (or Discharge)" means any release of at least one barrel (42 gallons) of oil which impacts marine waters that was not authorized by a federal, state, or local governmental entity.
- (s)(109) "Staff" means the Administrator or any of the personnel in within the Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response California Department of Fish and Game duly authorized to act on behalf of the Administrator.
- (s)(1110) "State Fiscal Year" see "Fiscal Year"
- (s)(1211) "State Incident Commander" see "Incident Commander".
- (s)(1312) "State Liaison Officer" means that person responsible for the coordination of information between the State Incident Commander/Federal On-Scene-Coordinator and other state and local government representatives. The State Liaison Officer is a function within the Incident

Command System as described in the State Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

(s)(1413) "Static Bollard Pull" see "Bollard Pull"

Subsection (t)(1) through (t)(4) continue.

(t)(5) ~~"Transfer vessel" means the vessel from which fuel or lubricant is transferred to another vessel during a bunkering operation.~~

(t)(65) "Tractor Tug" means a tug which is propelled by blades or screws which may be manipulated or rotated to provide propulsive thrust to any part of a 360 degree arc relative to the keel or longitudinal axis of the tug.

(t)(76) "Transporting oil in bulk" see "Oil in Bulk".

(t)(87) "Tug" or "Tug Escort" see "Escort Tug"

Subsection (v)(1) through (v)(2) continue.

(v)(3) ~~"Vessel to be lightered" means the vessel which transports a cargo of oil to a place within the marine environment where transfer of that cargo to another vessel will occur on California marine waters. The term "vessel to be lightered" does not include drilling rigs, or offshore supply vessels transferring cargo intended for use as fuel or lubricant aboard the receiving vessel.~~

(v)(43) "Vessel of Opportunity" means any craft engaged in spill response activities that is otherwise normally and substantially involved in activities other than spill response.

(v)(54) "Vessel Traffic Information Service" means that service operated by the Marine Exchange in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors in cooperation with the United States Coast Guard. "VTIS" is synonymous with "VTS" as used in Section 445, et. seq, Harbors and Navigation Code, and Section 8670.21 of the Government Code.

(v)(65) "Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) System" means the system authorized pursuant to 33 CFR Part 161, or Government Code Section 8670.21.

(v)(76) "VTIS" means a Vessel Traffic Information Service.

(v)(87) "VTS" means Vessel Traffic Service System.

**Authority: Sections 8670.7(a), 8670.13.1(a), 8670.13.2, 8670.17.2, 8670.23.1, 8670.28, 8670.32 and 8670.35, Government Code.**

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